

CHAPTER 36

THE ART OF  
DYING





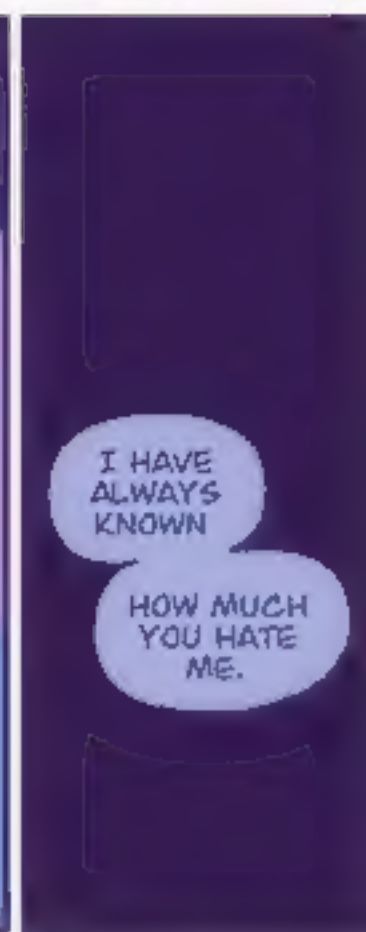
...HELLO?

WHAT'S  
GOING ON?

WHO SAID  
THAT...?



AYO...?

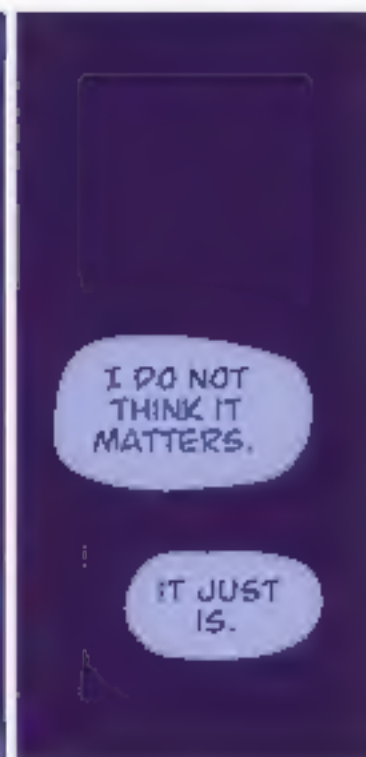


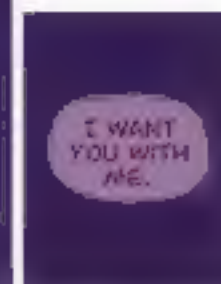














BINA...

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ARE YOU~

IS SHE...

OH MY GOD.



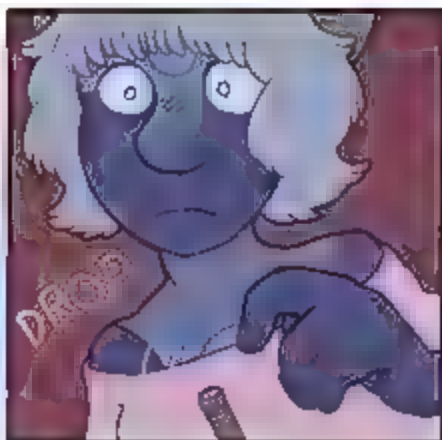
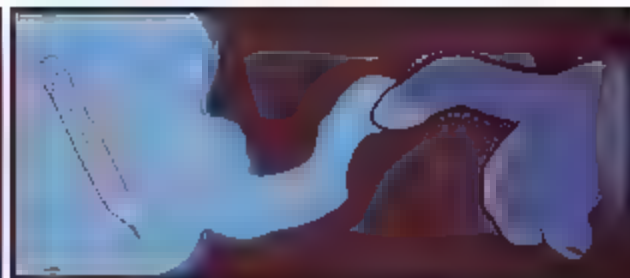
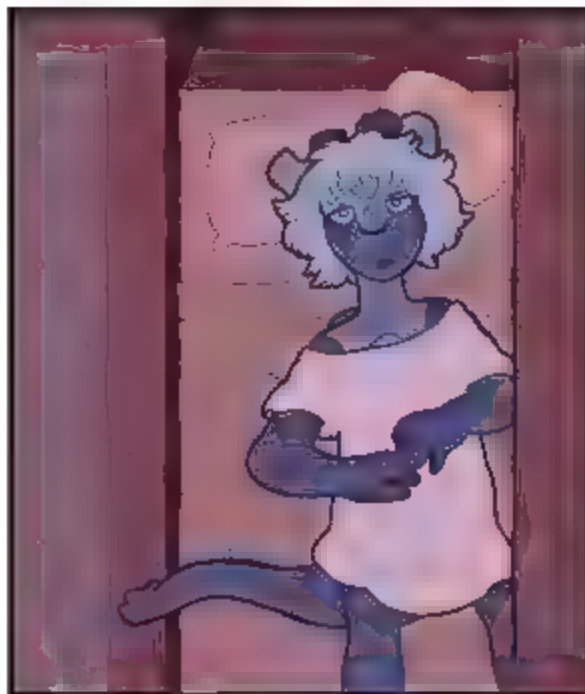




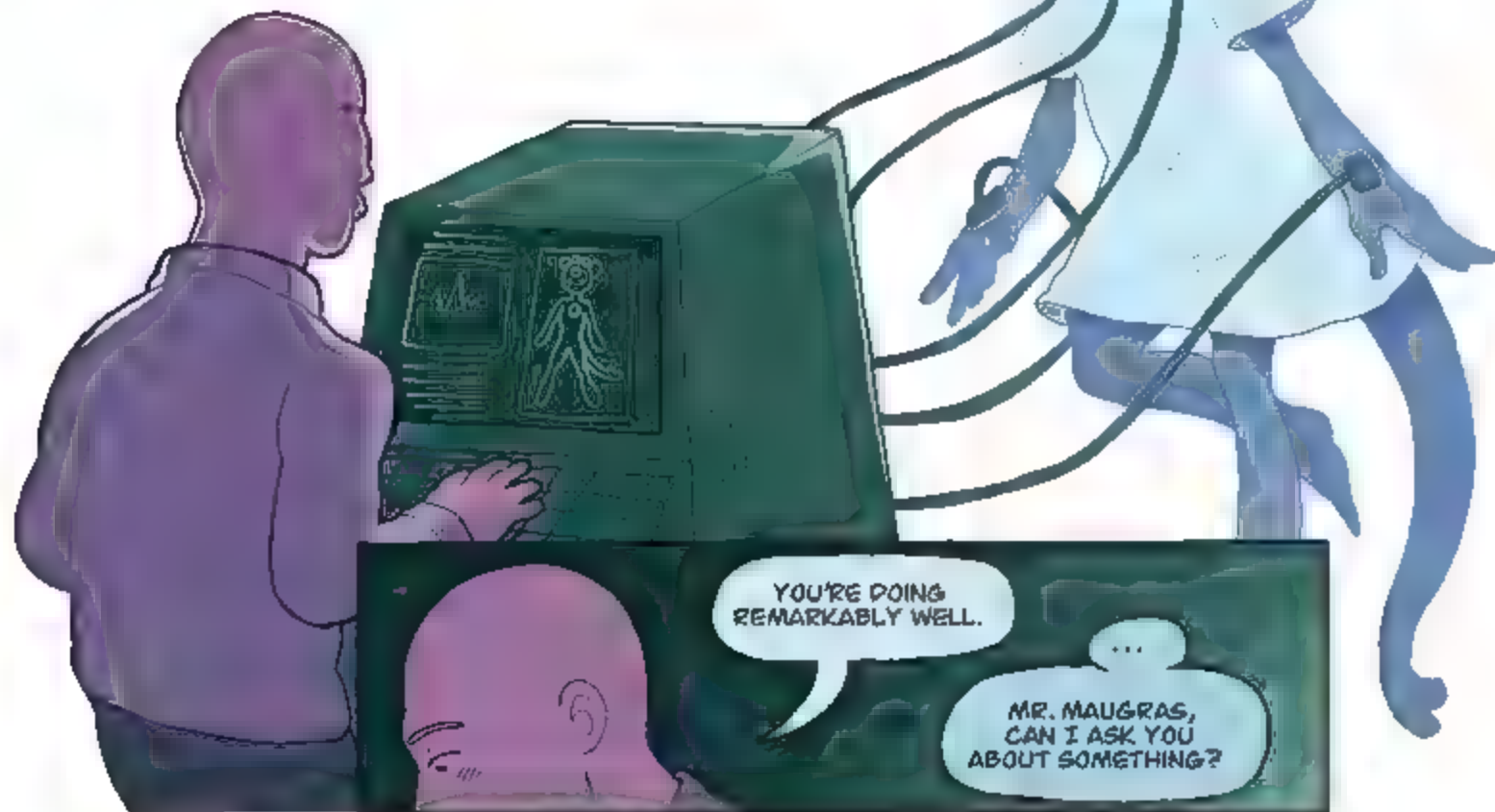
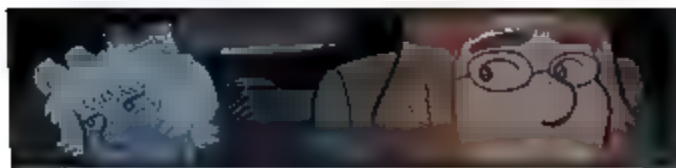


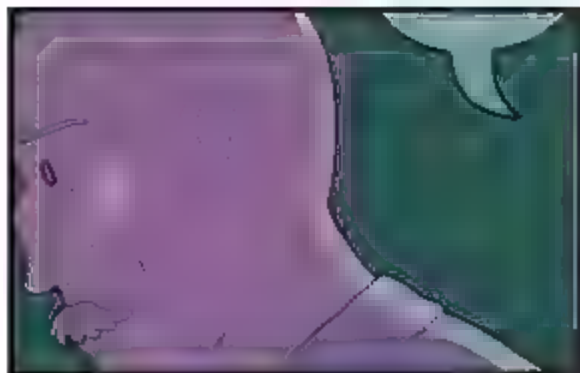




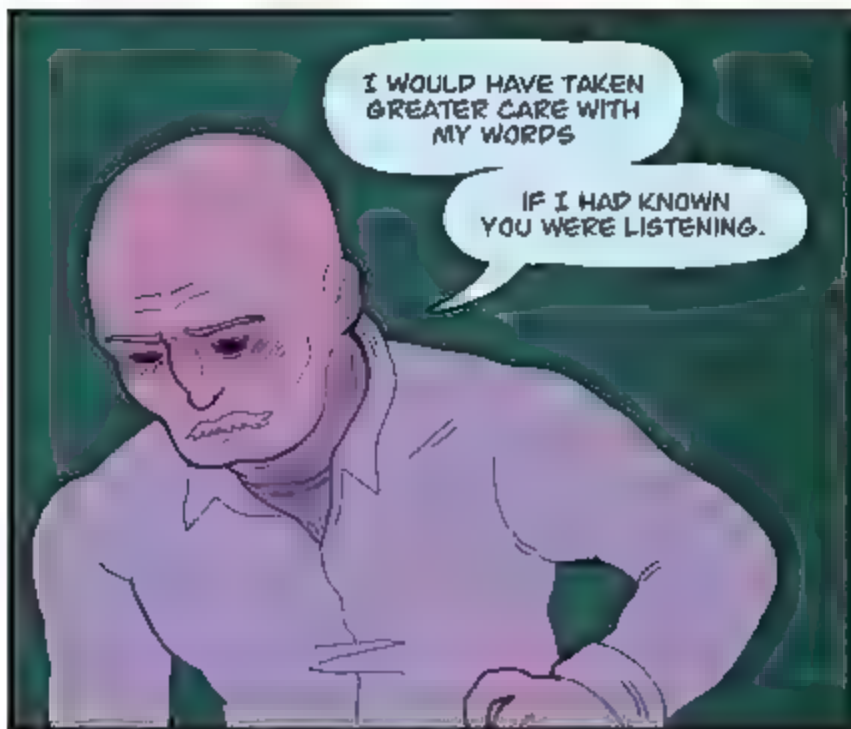








YOU HEARD  
ALL OF THAT,  
DID YOU?



I WOULD HAVE TAKEN  
GREATER CARE WITH  
MY WORDS

IF I HAD KNOWN  
YOU WERE LISTENING.

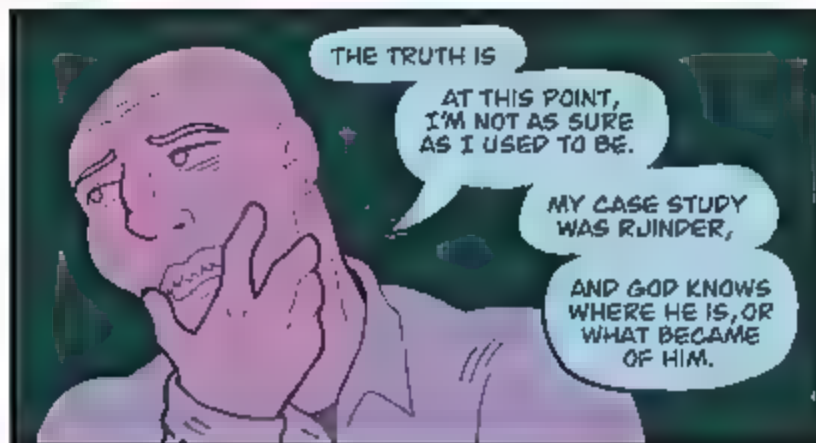


SO?

IS IT  
TRUE

THAT HAVING  
A MONSTER  
WILL KILL US?



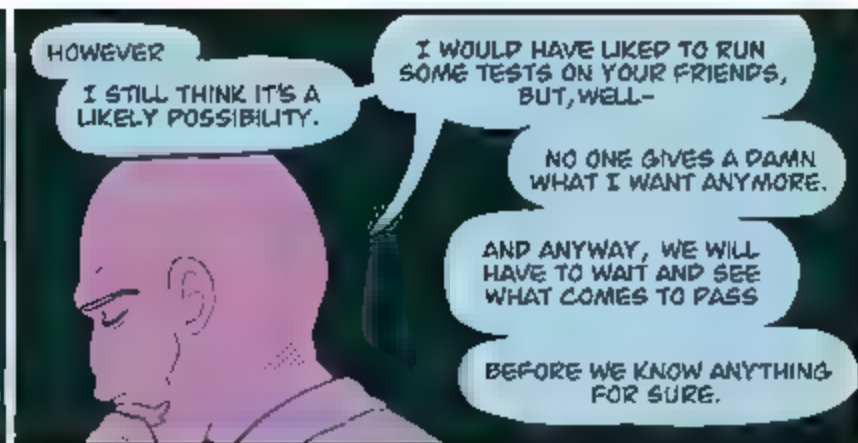


THE TRUTH IS

AT THIS POINT,  
I'M NOT AS SURE  
AS I USED TO BE.

MY CASE STUDY  
WAS RUINER,

AND GOD KNOWS  
WHERE HE IS, OR  
WHAT BECAME  
OF HIM.



HOWEVER

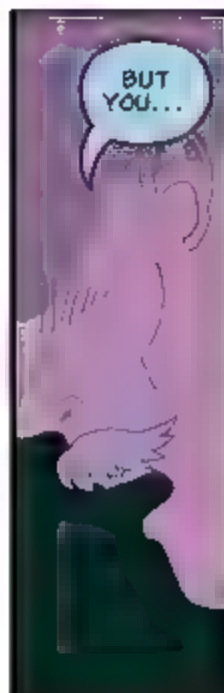
I STILL THINK IT'S A  
LIKELY POSSIBILITY.

I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO RUN  
SOME TESTS ON YOUR FRIENDS,  
BUT, WELL-

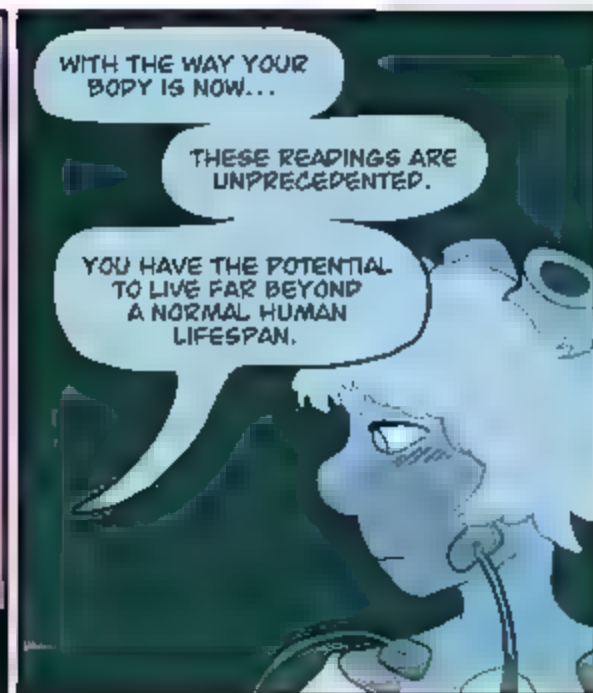
NO ONE GIVES A DAMN  
WHAT I WANT ANYMORE.

AND ANYWAY, WE WILL  
HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE  
WHAT COMES TO PASS

BEFORE WE KNOW ANYTHING  
FOR SURE.



BUT  
YOU...



WITH THE WAY YOUR  
BODY IS NOW...

THESE READINGS ARE  
UNPRECEDENTED.

YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL  
TO LIVE FAR BEYOND  
A NORMAL HUMAN  
LIFESPAN.



FAR, FAR BEYOND.

PERHAPS EVEN-

WELL.

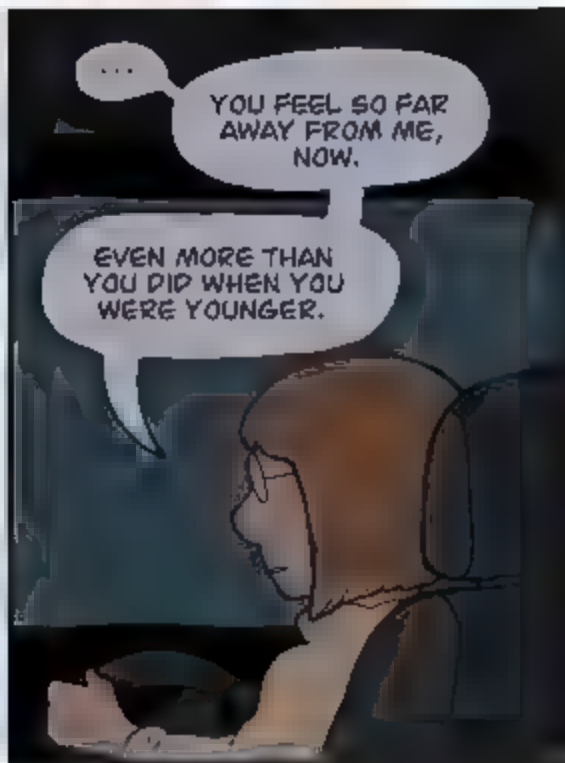
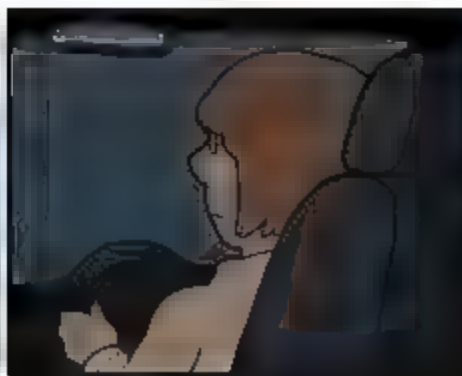
LIKE I SAID.

WE WILL WAIT  
AND SEE WHAT  
COMES TO PASS.



DID YOU HEAR  
THAT, AYO?

YES,  
I DID.






I ALWAYS FELT  
SO AWFUL

THAT THERE WAS  
SUCH A DISTANCE  
BETWEEN US

EVEN WHEN YOU  
WERE A LITTLE  
GIRL.

I DON'T KNOW  
WHY. IT WAS  
JUST THERE.

I GUESS  
I WAS A FAILURE  
OF A MOTHER.



BUT WHEN YOU FIRST TOLD ME  
ABOUT AYO-


WHEN IT WAS A SECRET TO  
EVERYONE BUT ME-

I THOUGHT MAYBE  
YOU FINALLY TRUSTED  
ME- THAT WE COULD  
COME TOGETHER.

BUT AFTER THE FIRST  
TIME, YOU DIDN'T REALLY  
TALK TO ME ABOUT IT.

I'D PROMISED YOU I WOULDN'T  
TELL YOUR FATHER, SO I COULDN'T  
TALK TO HIM AT ALL.

I COULDN'T TALK TO ANYONE.



THAT WAS THE MOST  
ALONE I HAVE EVER  
BEEN.

AND- IT'S ONLY  
RECENTLY  
THAT WE WERE  
FINALLY STARTING  
TO-

TO BE LIKE  
WE SHOULD BE-

BUT NOW, THIS  
HAPPENED...



I JUST CAN'T HELP  
BUT THINK-

IF I'D BEEN ABLE  
TO PULL YOU CLOSER  
TO ME, LIKE I SHOULD  
HAVE-

IF I HAD JUST DONE THAT  
SOONER-

NONE OF THIS  
WOULD HAVE HAPPENED.





Shrug

